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Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 7 November 2008 addressed to you (A/63/543-S/2008/704), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 2 to 27 November 2008, as follows:

On 2 November 2008, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 4 November 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 5 November 2008, one CN-235 and two C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 7 and 8 November 2008, one Bell, one Cougar and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 11 November 2008, three CN-235 and two B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 13 November 2008, one CN-235, one Cougar and two Gulf Stream Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 14 November 2008, four F-16, fourteen NF-5, three C-160, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations nine times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus nine times.

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On 15 November 2008, eleven NF-5, two Cougar and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 16 November 2008, seven NF-5, two F-16, two Gulf Stream, three C-160, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eleven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus nine times.

On 17 November 2008, four CN-235 and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 18 November 2008, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 19 November 2008, two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 21 November 2008, two CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 26 November 2008, two CN-235, one C-650 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 27 November 2008, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned violations and call for their immediate cessation.

These violations blatantly endanger the safety of international civil aviation and contravene international law and air traffic regulations. Furthermore, they put peace and stability in the region at stake. The Government of Turkey should heed the call of the international community, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, thus contributing to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement of a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Minas A. **Hadjimichael**